

seen  
heard only

TOOTING COMMON BIRDS  
MAY 2019 (1)

DATE	1	5	6	17	24	31	
SPECIES		5	30	X	3	23	29
House sparrow							
Starling							
Woodpigeon							
Stock dove							
Common crow							
Jackdaw							
Magpie							
Jay							
Blackbird							
Robin							
song Thrush							
Robin							
Duncock							
Wren							
Blue BT							
Great BT							
Coal BT							
Long Td BT							
Chaffinch							
greenfinch							
goldfinch							
chiffchaff							
Blackcap							
Nuthatch							
Gt. Spat Woodpecker							
Green Woodpecker							
RJN. Parakeet							
Sparrowhawk							
Swift							
Canada Geese							
Egyptian Geese							
Mallard							
Tufted Duck							
COY							
Moorhen							
Grey Heron							
Cormorant							
Herring Gull							
Willow Warbler							
Swallow							
Whitethroat							
Collared Dove							

Visits	5
Species seen	40
Heard only	0
Total	40
Daily Average	30

COMMON WHITETHROAT

Alan Wilkinson (AW) first reported the male whitethroat at the Ecology pond on 7th. I first saw it there on the 8th. I was not recording that day but briefly went for the bird and hoping to see a male when on the lake. The whitethroat was still present as at 31st. occasionally singing, flighty but occasionally showing well at the top of trees. Either a prolonged hope for a female to come or silent female there nesting. A pair have bred here in the past but a previous area to breed with rats and foxes.

SWALLOW (1) AW saw 5 fig

Nest about 6 pm on 1st and 7th (2) I saw one fig over in continuous rain on 8th.

WILLOW WARBLER last until

late August? On my last birdwalk on 5th, a participant Mark Bravery first heard one singing and eventually we all saw it in trees near the Tennis courts, my first and only one for the common so far this year. CHIFFCHAFF Not many (unlike Blackcap) maximum 3 on 5th and 21th.

SWIFT (1) First reported over

The common were 5 seen by AW on 1st and (2) at least 12 over lake on 7th. (3) my first there were 2 about lake on 17th then 6 seen 24th/31st.

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SPARROWHAWK (1) James Hudson (JH) saw a female in Graveley Wood on 7th (2) on 24th. I saw a male fly over Cafe Wood chased by 8 squawking parakeets. Have not so far found a nest.

GREENFINCH These days an unexpected occurrence on the Common (decline through disease). Two singing birds in tree by Lake/Fox Bend on 1st. If at all on Common they favour that area.

COLLARED DOVE (1) JH saw a pair in Graveley Wood on 7th (2) I saw two galling birds on rooftop from the Lido car park on 7th.

NUTHATCH on 31st I was delighted to watch for some while an adult pair in Cafe Wood catching insects in the air and feeding to two young birds. Good to know they successfully bred there.

GREY SPOTTED WOODPECKER Max. 5 recorded on 24th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE Certainly do at 24th all 6 goings were flying with their parents. Often all seen together on grass of Graveley Field before returning to Lake. Maximum 13 on 8th with 5 on Graveley Field and expected 8 on Lake.

COMMON TIT (1) one at Lake on 1st. (2) participants on my birdwalk on 5th saw one fly over Cafe Wood that I missed.

GREY HERON one at Lake on 1st, 7th and 31st.

### OTHER REPORTED BIRDS

HOBBY JH reported one flying over high W on 7th.

PEREGRINE on 2nd AW saw a young bird trying to catch parakeets but just missed one.

BUZZARD AW reported one over at about mid day on 15th.

MANDARIN JH "was surprised" to see a pair on the lake on 7th. They were not there on 8th.

JUNE can be a quiet month for birds, but in 2017 I saw on the Common both Hobby and Reed Warbler. 2016. Little Egret. Keep an eye on the sky for drifting over Red Kite and Common Buzzard but usually after mid day

Peter White